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For the first time the University of Iowa is issuing as an official bulletin a document which is entirely the work of students. The idea was suggested by the President of the Women's Council, approved by the Dean of Women, and worked out by a representative committee of undergraduate women. Originally it was intended to be published as a handbook for women already on the campus, but the university editor, believing that young women planning to enter college would be interested in the ideals and activities of women students at the University of Iowa, offered to include it in the series of University bulletins.

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WOMEN AT THE UNIVERSITY

This bulletin is intended to furnish the girl who is now, or expects to be, a student of the University of Iowa with information which she may desire about regulations and organizations, and to give her some idea of what is expected of an Iowa Woman.

College life offers no privileges without corresponding responsibilities; and the girl who is fortunate enough to be able to continue her education beyond the high school at state expense must recognize her obligation to contribute something in return for the extraordinary advantages that are provided for her by the University. These responsibilities may be said to be of three kinds: her responsibility to herself, to the University, and to the state.

The University offers a young woman both general culture and specialized training in any vocation she chooses to select. She may fit herself to be a teacher, a nurse, a doctor, a dentist, an engineer, a lawyer, an artist, a musician, a chemist, a dietitian, a business woman, a journalist, a social service worker, or she may enter any of the other vocational fields now opening to women. Whatever it is that she likes best, she owes it to herself to become a specialist in that particular field. Competition leaves no place for the dabbler—the woman who knows a smattering of a great many things and no one thing well. But specialized knowledge alone will not bring success. A girl must possess also personality, the faculty of drawing people to her. For this are necessary honesty, buoyant good health, self-confidence, and modesty. Girls and boys are not born with their personalities already moulded; they are given certain potentialities which develop according to environment and self-training. The girl who, during her college days, grasps her opportunities for developing those potentialities to the fullest extent is training herself to be worthy of her own self-respect.

Any University is to a very large extent what the students make it. A girl who graduated not long ago from a certain college said, "I am ashamed of my school; I am ashamed to say that I graduated from it." She did not recognize the fact that if she had reason to be ashamed of her school, it was her fault. The University needs people who, when they see a condition that needs a remedy, will not say, "Why don't *they* do something about it? " but who will say, "Why don't *we* do something about it?" Who are "they," if not the students themselves and the faculty—that is, the University public. Men grow only through a definite turning of public opinion in some certain direction. It is the business of every student to see that that public opinion is turned in the direction of highest development of each individual, each group, and of the University.

With this idea in mind the women of the University, led by Staff and Circle, formed the University Women's Council. This body is composed of Staff and Circle, Freshman Commission, and representatives from each residential district of Iowa City, who meet twice a month to discuss matters of interest to women, and to recommend social regulations to the University Social Committee. Recommendations are made on the basis of student opinion as ascertained by district meetings held by the various representatives, or captains, of the districts. The chief accomplishment of the Council during the spring of 1919 was to prepare this bulletin for the assistance of present and prospective women students and to interest the University in publishing it. The Council, in conjunction with the University Council, composed of both men and women, is a definite step toward self government based on public opinion and its intelligent direction.

A college course at the University costs the state of Iowa much more than is received in tuitions. The state makes this gift for a definite reason—because it realizes that education is the foundation of a successful democracy. This gift is not a charity; it must be paid back, exactly as if it were a definite business obligation; not paid in money, it is true, but in service heightened by training. Therefore the University of Iowa is a place for earnest work, and organized play, so combined as to

train in the most effective manner, men and women who will be leaders in progress and civil welfare.

The girl who works and plays honestly and fairly, with ideals of service ahead of her, who accepts the responsibilities that are hers, cannot fail to become a potent factor in the life of the University, and of the world of affairs.

HONORS

Obviously the first duty of every student is maintain a high grade of scholarship. The University and the consensus of the student body demand it. Fortunately the vast majority of girls, as well as boys, cheerfully recognize this obligation. The few who fail to do so quickly fall by the wayside and soon withdraw from the University. Certain honors which come to those who attain high rank in scholarship deserve mention.

In the liberal arts special honors, in their grades, are awarded at graduation. The honor *With highest distinction* is given to the five students whose standing is highest; *With high distinction.* to those other students whose standing brings them within the highest twentieth of the graduates for the entire year; *With distinction* to those other students whose standing brings them within the highest tenth of the graduates for the entire year. These honors are awarded at commencement and are inscribed on the diplomas of the recipients.

Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Iowa, is a national honorary society, which elects to membership from the senior class each year a certain number, about a tenth of the class, who have attained high standing in all the work of the course.

Sigma Xi has for its chief purpose the encouragement of original work in science and elects to membership each year a certain number who give promise of becoming investigators in some branch of science.

Lambda Theta chooses its members from women who have excelled in the study of education.

Theta Sigma Phi is an honorary journalistic sorority.

Nu Sigma Phi is an honorary medical society.

In the professional colleges similar honors are offered.

ORGANIZATIONS

The following are University organizations open to women.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

The University Council is an elected body of students, both men and women, who discuss problems of interest to the student body and make recommendations to the executive committees of the University. At the suggestion of the Council the University Social Committee recently changed the closing hour of rooming houses from 10:30 to 11:00 P. M. on Friday and Saturday. The Council is the forerunner of self government; and as it becomes older and more established, it will take over more and more of the functions of University government.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S COUNCIL

The composition of this organization is mentioned above.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Upon her registration in the University, every woman becomes a non-voting member of Women's League; and in the fall she may become a voting member by paying one dollar annual dues. Last year this organization paid the collegiate expenses of Mademoiselle Jeanne Terraz of Lyons, France, brought the Arctic explorer Vilhjalmur Stefansson, to lecture at the University, and started a movement to refurnish the Liberal Arts drawing room.

STAFF AND CIRCLE

Perhaps the highest honor that can come to a University girl is to be elected by her classmates to membership in Staff and Circle at the close of her junior year. Staff and Circle is a group of twelve representative girls who act during their senior year as an advisory body to the Dean of Women. It is by this group of young women that the ideals of the Iowa women are upheld; and it is its purpose not only to "do" but to "be." At registration time the organization is especially active in helping Freshmen to arrange their schedule and find their rooms.

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFAIRS

All student organizations are under the supervision of the Committee on Social Organizations and Affairs. Any such

organization must have the approval of the committee as a condition of its establishment or continuance. All rules for the social conduct of students are made by this body. University regulations are never suspended, but are in operation throughout the entire year.

The Committee is composed of seven faculty members, appointed by the President of the University, and six students, elected by the student body. Each fall three juniors and three seniors, each of whom has been nominated by a petition signed by thirty-five of his or her classmates, are elected to serve for one year. Elections are in charge of a committee of seniors from the colleges, who are chosen by the Deans.

Social Regulations

Following are the written social regulations of the University at the present time, with their interpretation.

1. The University expects all students to conduct themselves according to the usages of good society. Failure in this respect will be considered a violation of social regulations.

2. All evening parties must conclude by twelve o'clock midnight, including time for refreshments. This regulation is interpreted as meaning that students may not go to a restaurant to eat after twelve o'clock, and that they must go directly home from the party. Men must take girls home immediately and may not stay after a dance.

3. All parties for both men and women must be chaperoned, the official chaperons to be selected from the approved list and reported to the Dean of Women at least two days before the date of the party. A chaperon must be present throughout the time of the party.

4. Dancing parties may be given and attended only on Friday and Saturday nights, or the night preceding a holiday, except by permission of the Committee on Social Organizations and Affairs.

5. The Freshman Party shall be in every respect an informal party.

6. All evening dancing classes shall be interpreted as parties.

7. On Friday and Saturday nights all University women attending parties and dances, not including formals, shall be out of public eating houses at twelve o'clock.

8. It is the sense of the Social Committee that if any swimming parties are planned to be participated in by men and women students or by women students alone, or if swimming in the Iowa River is planned to be a part of other picnics or parties, notice of the same shall be filed with the Dean of Women, and proper chaperons provided.

Although not included in the social regulations, the following rules are also current:

1. Students are not to absent themselves unnecessarily from classes.

2. All dancing not provided for in Section 4 above is prohibited.

3. If a girl stays over night at some other house than her own she must do so with the permission of her chaperon.

4. Picnic parties are to be chaperoned.

Regulations for approved homes

1. Young women shall not entertain men callers in their sleeping rooms, however furnished.

2. Men and women shall not lodge in the same house.

3. The hours for closing houses to visitors shall be 10:00 P. M., except on Friday and Saturday, when the hour shall be 11:00 P. M. Undergraduate young women are to be in their houses at that time except for reasons acceptable to the University administration. Acceptable reasons are:

a. Attendance at any entertainment given under the auspices of the University.

b. Attendance at a good play.

c. Attendance on Friday and Saturday nights at any reported party.

Permission to be out later than the closing hour for any other reasons must be obtained from the Dean of Women.

4. All University women wishing to leave the city over night must file written notice in the office of the Dean of Women at least twenty-four hours in advance. A card, indicating that such action has been taken, should be in the hands of the chaperon before the applicant leaves the city. As interpreted this does not include:

a. Married women;
b. Graduate students;
c. Persons living at home.

5. No fraternity, sorority, or other student organization may permit any person not a registered student or employee of the organization to live at a house controlled by the organization without the permission of the Committee on Social Organizations and Affairs.

PANHELLENIC RULES

Iowa's thirteen sororities are bound together by its Panhellenic Council, an organization composed of two representatives from each group. At the meetings of the Council uniform rushing rules and other regulations which will affect all sororities are adopted.

In order to join a sorority, a girl must receive a formal invitation ("bid") from that sorority. Rushing parties are held at the chapter houses in order that the sorority may become better acquainted with the girls in whom they are interested. After receiving a "bid" the girl is pledged, and later in the collegiate year she is initiated.

The University requires that each sorority keep its group scholarship up to the average of that of non-sorority women. As a matter of fact the records show that the scholarship of sorority girls is somewhat above that of non-sorority girls.

Each sorority has its own special requirements.

Rules of Panhellenic Council

The following rules have been adopted by the Panhellenic Council:

1. Pledging shall take place at 6:00 P. M. on the day before the opening day of the collegiate year.

2. Each sorority shall be allowed one date for a preferred party, from Thursday at 8:00 A. M. to Saturday at 10:30 P. M. inclusive. The dates for the same are to be drawn. No girl shall be called for or taken away by another sorority during the time of the preferred party. Hours for preferred dates shall be: 8:30 A. M to 11:30 A. M.; 12:00 M. to 3:00 P. M.; 3:30 P. M. to 6:30 P. M.; 7:30 P. M. to 10:30 P. M.

3. Rushing expenses, including entertainment at chapter house and at hotels, shall not exceed seventy-five dollars for each sorority, flowers included.

4. Flowers may be given to "rushees" at a preferred party, and to pledges.

5. No sorority woman, either active or non-active, or patroness, or relative shall converse or communicate with a "rushee" from 12:00 Saturday night until 6:00 P. M. Sunday.

6. "Rushee" shall be excused by a sorority in time to fulfill her next engagement.

7. No party shall be given in any place other than the chapter house, either by alumnae, active members, pledges, patronesses, or relatives. Four persons constitute a party.

8. New girls shall not be taken to register by sorority women unless by a member of Staff and Circle.

9. Not more than one girl from each sorority shall call for "rushees" at Currier Hall.

10. No "rushee" shall spend the night at a chapter house. No sorority woman shall spend the night with a "rushee" unless they are rooming at a house on the approved list of the Dean of Women.

11. A sister of a sorority woman is exempted from all rules.

12. There shall be a meeting of the Women's Panhellenic Council at eight o'clock on the morning of pledging day, and the "bids" shall be sent from there by a special messenger.

13. Any sorority violating any of the above rules shall not be allowed to pledge until two months after the usual time.

14. A copy of these rules shall be given to each "rushee."

LITERARY SOCIETIES

Membership in the literary societies—Athena, Whitby, Octave Thanet, Hesperia, and Erodelphian, is by invitation. At the beginning of the second term each society is allowed to give one party for new girls. The societies wish all girls who are interested to come to their open programs, in order that they may become mutually acquainted. Owing to a limited membership, a girl may not be invited to join at first, but if she has real ability, she is virtually certain of a "bid" later.

WOMEN'S FORENSIC COUNCIL

Forensics are under the control of the Women's Forensic Council, which is composed of three representatives from each of the five women's literary societies and three faculty members. This council arranges contests, offers prizes, and regulates the admission of new members into the societies. Prizes of ten and five dollars are offered to the winners in the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, the Artistic Reading Contest, and the Short Story and Poetry Contest. Anyone may compete, whether or not she is a member of a literary society. The University Oratorical Contest is open both to men and women. The winner receives the Jessup prize of twenty-five dollars and the privilege of representing the University at the Northern Oratorical League Contest, in which Wisconsin, Michigan, Chicago, Northwestern, Illinois, Minnesota, and Iowa Universities compete. Each year the literary societies hold debates on some question chosen by Forensic Council. The winning society keeps the cup for one year after the contest.

Y. W. C. A.

The Young Women's Christian Association is an organization for every woman in the University. It is democratic in its aims and ideals, being the largest organized body on the cam-

pus. During the past year there has been an active student membership of 660 and an honorary membership of 100.

The Y. W. C. A. serves tea in the Y. W. C. A. rooms in the Hall of Liberal Arts on the afternoons of registration days and also every Wednesday afternoon before the weekly devotional meetings during the year. All girls are invited to these affairs.

The Y. W. C. A. conducts an employment bureau, which keeps a list of girls wanting work by the hour, and solicits calls from townspeople wanting such work done. Many girls were helped to earn a part of their own expenses during the year 1918-1919. The "Y" also has a list of rooming houses approved by the Dean of Women. "Y" girls meet all trains during registration week and assist new students in finding rooms.

During the year 1918-1919 the Y. W. C. A. conducted a series of six weeks' discussion groups. Social, industrial, and religious conditions in China, Japan, Korea, India, Armenia, and the Philippines were discussed from the viewpoint of the democratic movement.

The second week of the academic year 1919-1920 the "Y" will give a party for all University women, to which new girls are especially invited. During the winter Friday night "cozies" will be held at Iowa City homes for girls who wish to go to them, and several mixers for men and women will also be given.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

There is a number of distinctly religious organizations, especially for University women. Each church has special Sunday School classes for the students and young people's societies which meet Sunday evennigs. Organizations for both men and women are found in each church, such as the Congregational Guild, Wesley Guild for Methodists, Morrison Club for Episcopalians, Lutheran Club, Newman Club for Catholics, and Carey League for Baptists. Aside from these there are the organizations distinctly for women: Kappa Phi Club for Methodist girls, Bethany Circle for girls of the Christian church, Presbyterian Young Women's Guild, and Pi Lambda Delta for Baptist girls. Some of these societies are affiliated with other groups of the same name in other Universities. There is no other qualifica-

tion than church membership or preference, in order to be a member of one of these organizations.

PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SOCIETIES

There are professional and departmental clubs for almost every type of interest. Some of them are the Spanish Club, the Commerce Club, the Latin Club, the Mathematics Club, the Science Club. The professional sororities are Nu Sigma Phi, honorary medical, Theta Sigma Phi, honorary journalistic, and Lambda Theta, honorary educational. See appendix for terms of admission.

WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB AND ORCHESTRA

Admission to the Orchestra and the Glee Club is by "try-outs," which are held in the fall. The Glee Club meets once a week, with occasional extra rehearsals at the time of the annual concert. The Orchestra meets twice a week and also gives an annual concert. Both organizations furnish music at the monthly Vesper services of the University.

I. W. A. A.

Women's athletics are promoted by the Iowa Women's Athletic Association, which arranges contests and awards honors to the girls. A meeting of all members is held each month, at which, after the business is transacted, every one plays games, dances, or swims. There are always "eats," prepared in the girls' own kitchenette in the gymnasium.

Any girl may become a member of the Athletic Association by signing her name at the "gym," and taking a preliminary hike of at least five miles with three other girls. General mock initiation is held in the fall, at which every girl or every group of girls "puts on a stunt."

The Association maintains a point system, by which a pin is awarded to the girl who makes fifty points, and a seal and an "I" to the girl who wins seventy-five points. Ten points are given for making a first team in any sport—hockey, basketball, baseball, and so on—five points for making a second team, and one point for going out for a tournament, or for electing extra "gym" work.

Any girl who is interested in athletics should join the Asso-

cition; for all members of teams must be members of the Association also.

UNIVERSITY PLAYERS

The University Players is the one dramatic club of the University. Admission is by "try-outs," which are held twice a year, each contestant giving a short reading. The players put on several plays each year, and also encourage good talent to come to Iowa City. The Players are at present supporting a movement for a "Little Theatre" in the proposed Memorial Building.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Following is a list of all campus organizations open to women. An asterisk indicates that membership is open to both men and women.

	Name	*Nature*	*Admission*
1.	Achoth	Sorority	Invitation
2.	Alpha Chi Omega	Sorority	Invitation
3.	Alpha Delta Pi	Sorority	Invitation
4.	Alpha Xi Delta	Sorority	Invitation
5.	Alpha Tau Beta	Sorority	Invitation
6.	Athelney*	Writer's club	Invitation
7.	Athena	Literary society	Invitation
8.	Bethany Circle	Christian Church society	Open
9.	Carey League*	Baptist society	Open
10.	Chi Omega	Sorority	Invitation
11.	Choral Society*	Musical	Open
12.	Commerce Club*	Professional	Open, with scholastic requirements
13.	Congregational Guild*	Church society	Open
14.	Cosmopolitan Club*	Mostly foreign students	Open
15.	Delfwegm*	Social club	Invitation
16.	Delta Delta Delta	Sorority	Invitation
17.	Delta Gamma	Sorority	Invitation
18.	Delta Sigma Theta	Sorority, colored	Invitation
19.	Delta Zeta	Sorority	Invitation
20.	Edda*	Scandinavian club	Open
21.	Erodelphian	Literary society	Invitation
22.	F. O. N. C.	Class organization of nurses	Open

23.	Freshmen Commission	Freshmen dept. Y. W. C. A.	Election
24.	Gamma Phi Peta	Sorority	Invitation
25.	Girls' Glee Club	Musical	Try-out
26.	Hesperia	Literary society	Invitation
27.	Home Economics Club	Professional	Open
28.	Iota Xi Epsilon	Sorority	Invitation
29.	Iowa Law Students' Association*	Professional	Open
30.	Iowa Women's Athletic Association	Athletic	Open Open
31.	Ivy Lane*	Social club	Invitation
32.	Kalo Club*	Sorority	Invitation
33.	Kappa Kappa Gamma	Sorority	Invitation
34.	Kappa Phi	Methodist girls	Open
35.	Komenian	Bohemian club	Open
36.	Lambda Theta	Honorary educational	Invitation
37.	Latin Club*	Departmental	Invitation
38.	Lutheran Club*	Lutheran students	Open
39.	Marshall Law*	Professional law	Invitation
40.	Mathematics Club*	Departmental	Invitation
41.	Menorah Society*	Jewish students	Open
42.	Morrison Club*	Episcopal students	Open
43.	Newman Club*	Catholic students	Open
44.	Nu Sigma Phi	Honorary medical	Invitation
45.	Octave Thanet	Literary society	Invitation
46.	Order of the Coif*	Honorary law	Election
47.	Panhellenic Council	Delegates from sororities	Appointed
48.	Phi Beta Kappa*	Honorary scholastic	Elected
49.	Pi Beta Phi	Sorority	Invitation
50.	Pi Lambda Delta	Baptist girls	Open
51.	Presbyterian Young Women's Guild	Presbyterians	Open
52.	Science Club*	Natural science club	Open
53.	Sigma Xi*	Honorary scientific	Election
54.	Sociological Forum*	Departmental	Open
55.	Spanish Club*	Departmental	Open
56.	Staff and Circle	Honorary senior	Election
57.	Student Volunteer Band*	Prospective missionaries	Open
58.	Theta Sigma Phi	Honorary journalistic	Invitation
59.	Trailer's Club	Out-of-door club	Invitation
60.	University Council*	Representatives of student body	Election

61.	University Orchestra*	Musical	Try-out
62.	University Players*	Dramatic	Try-out
63.	University Women's Council	Representatives of student body	Election
64.	Wesley Guild*	Methodist club	Open
65.	Whitby	Literary society	Invitation
66.	Women's Forensic Council	Representatives from literary societies	Appointment
67.	Women's League	All women	Open
68.	Y. W. C. A.	Religious	Open

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